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# WCPSS Graduation Rate Update – September 2013

# Background

- Since 2006, NC has been reporting on-time graduation rates for all high schools
  - 4 and 5 year rates
  - Used for federal accountability reporting
  - Follows each cohort of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to see how many graduate four (or five) years after entering high school
  - Rates are reported overall and by subgroup

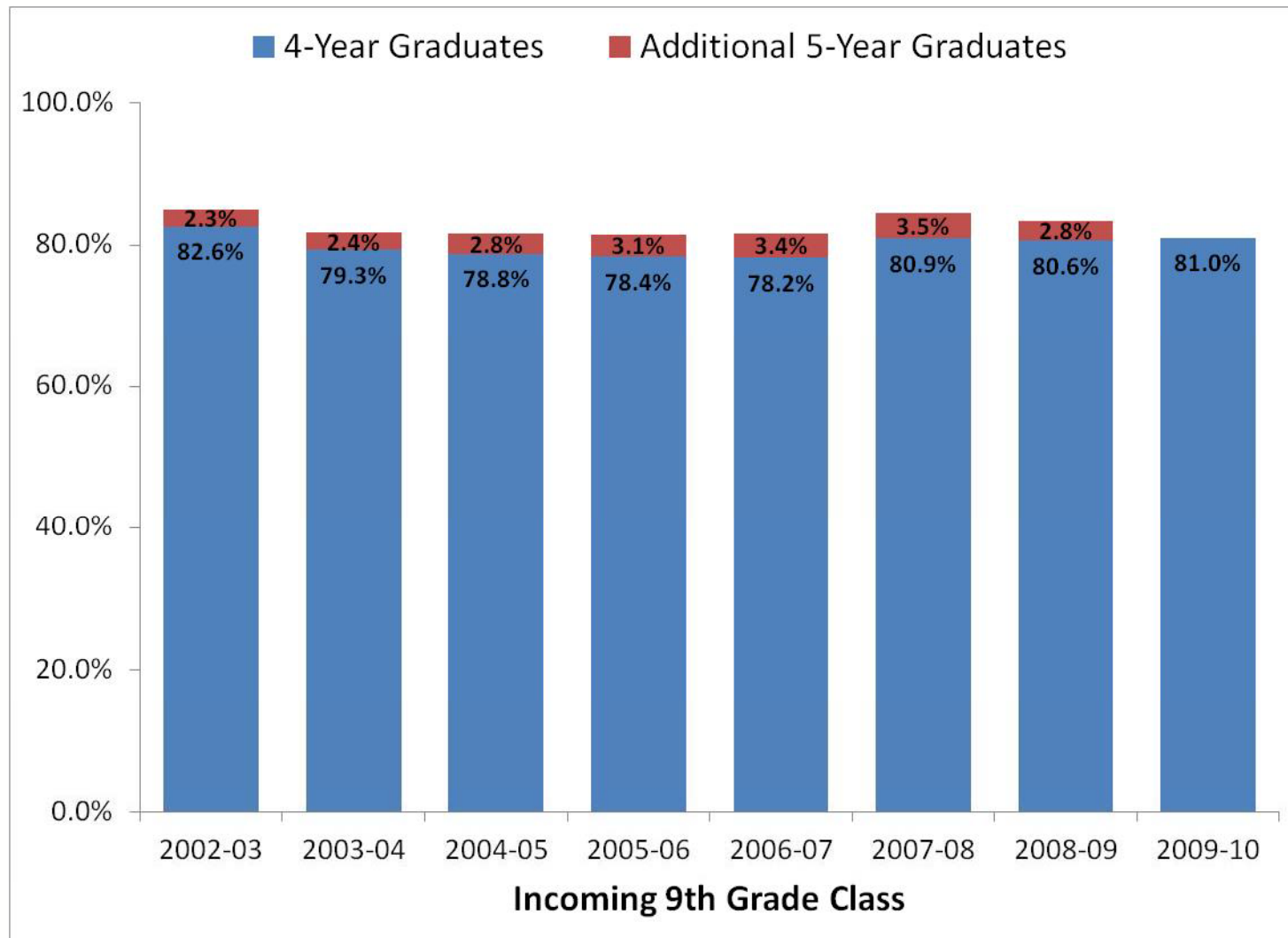
# Who “counts” in the cohort?

- Any student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in “Year X”
- Any student entering high school after 9<sup>th</sup> grade as long as they enter on grade level
  - 10<sup>th</sup> graders enrolling in Year X+1
  - 11<sup>th</sup> graders enrolling in Year X+2
  - 12<sup>th</sup> graders enrolling in Year X+3
- Many other accounting rules governing who is in and who is not

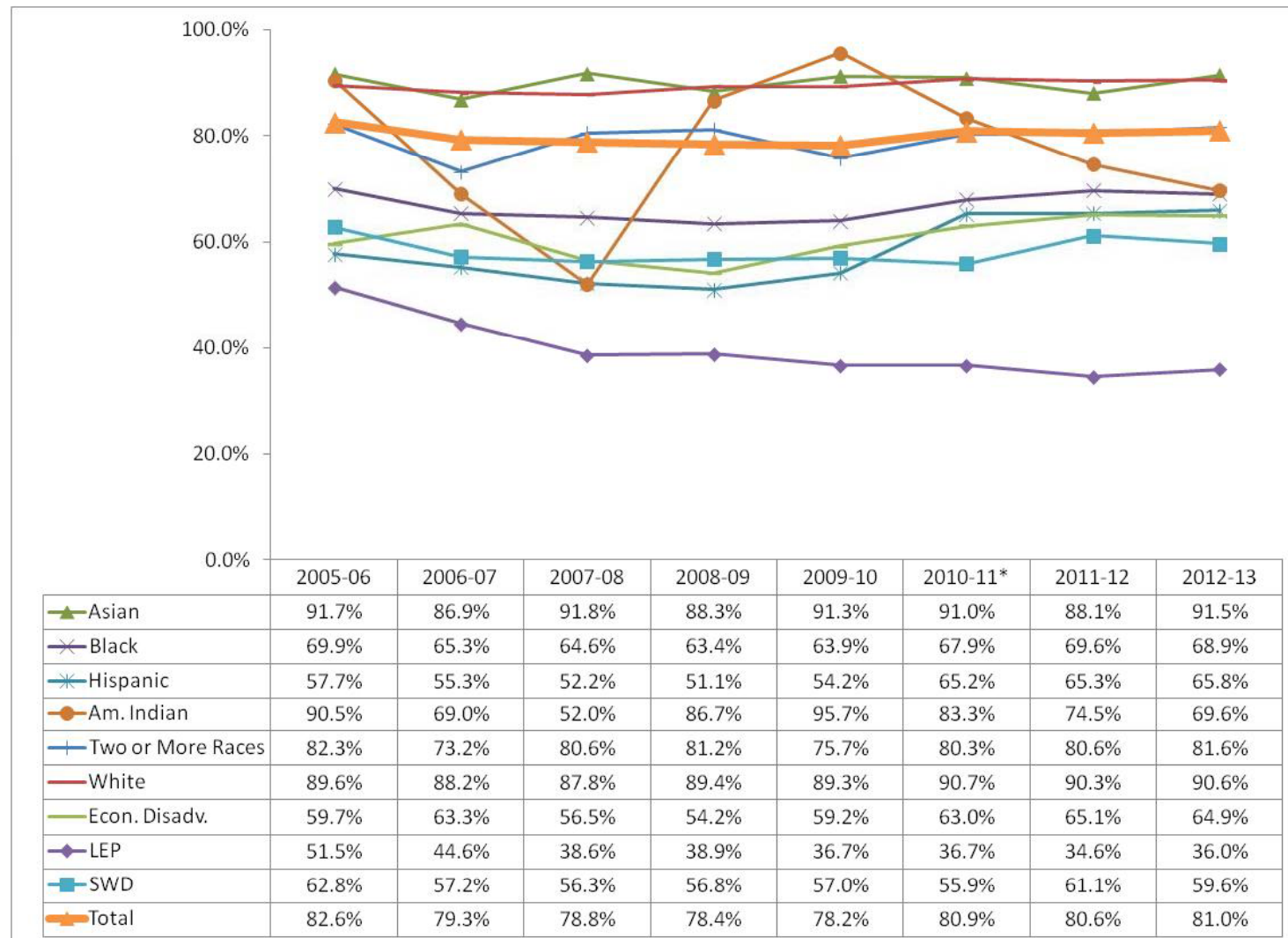
# Data Collection Process

- NCDPI creates the cohorts using data pulled from NCWISE
- How schools enroll and withdraw students has implications for data quality
- Schools as well as D&A Department perform quality control checks throughout the year
- All records subject to auditing from NCDPI

# WCPSS Rates Over Time



# Four-Year Graduation Rates



\* - Changes in the collection and reporting of student ethnicity per U. S. Department of Education directive this year means that graduation rates by ethnicity prior to 2010-11 may not be directly comparable to those from 2010-11 forward.  
source: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/reporting/cohortgraduate>

# 2012-13 Four-Year Graduation Cohort

## *What happened to the other 19%?*

Remaining %	Status
8.7% (955)	Dropout
6.3% (685)	Still in school as of June 2013*
3.3% (367)	Unknown/Other
0.6% (62)	Enrolled in Community College
	Total = 2,069 Non-Graduates * - <i>about half of these students typically graduate in their fifth year</i>

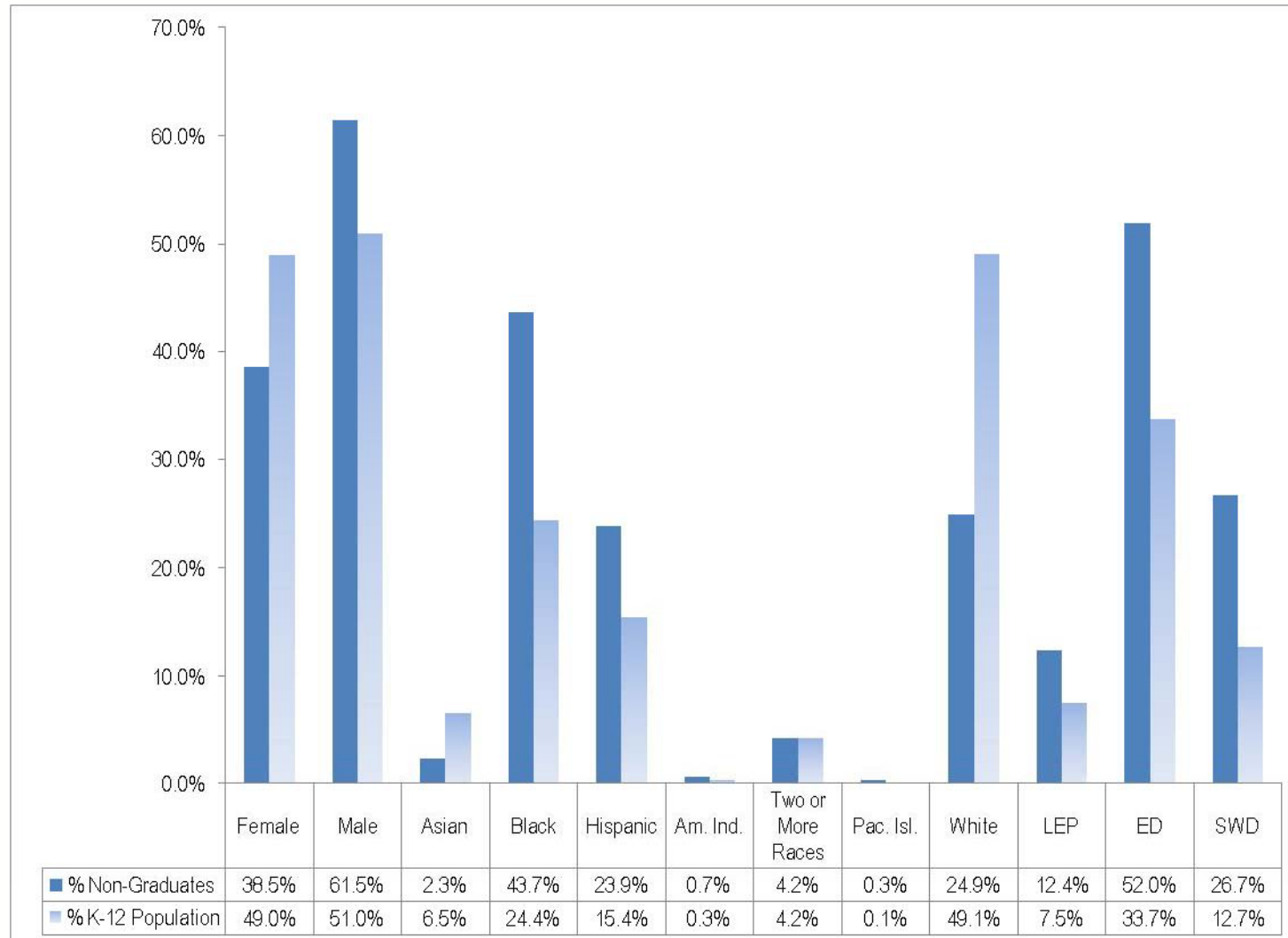
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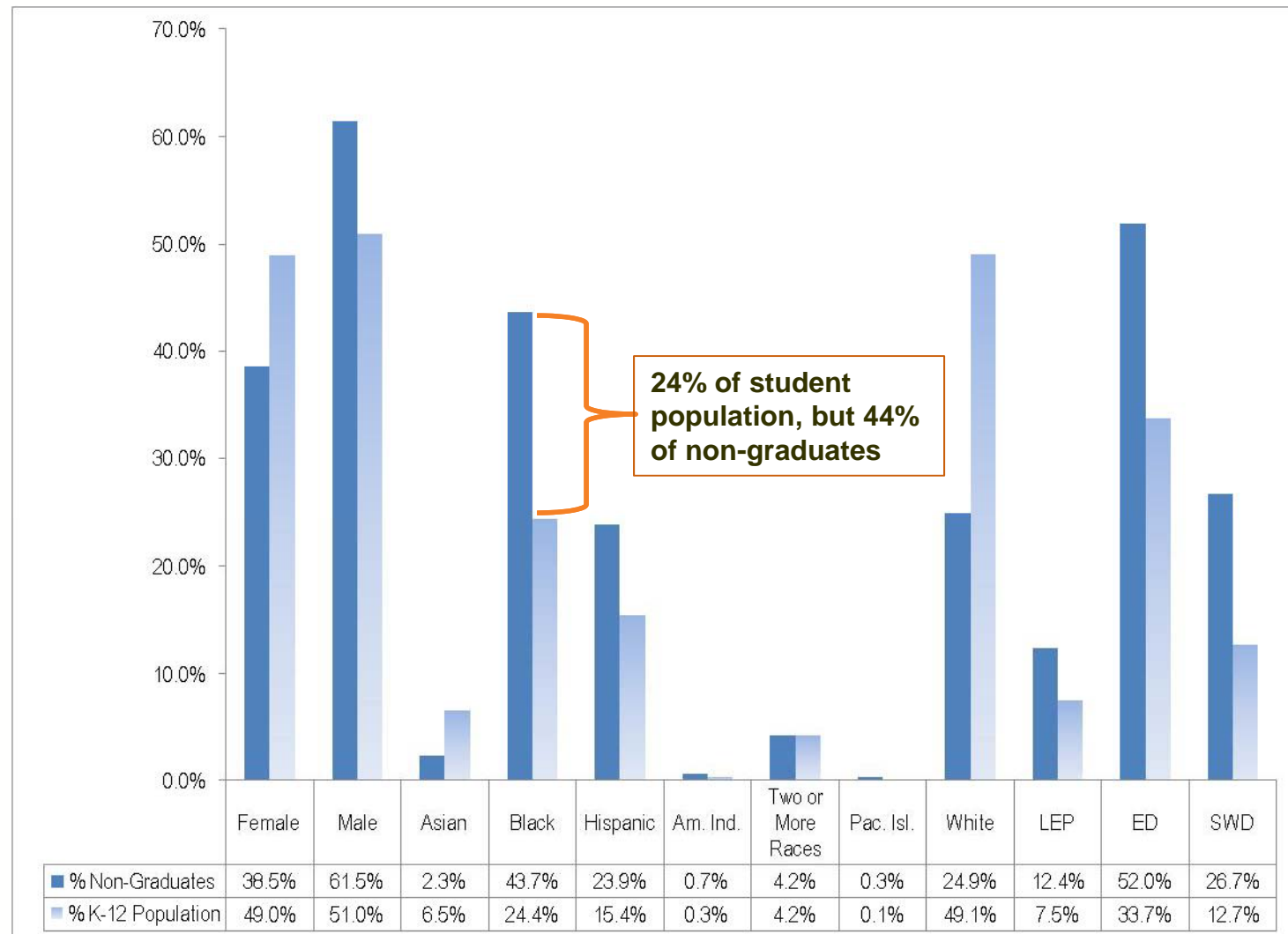
	Year 1 (2010)	Year 2 (2011)	Year 3 (2012)	Year 4 (2013)
Dropout	163	301	343	148
Unknown	117	49	62	134
Enrolled in CC	8	6	6	42



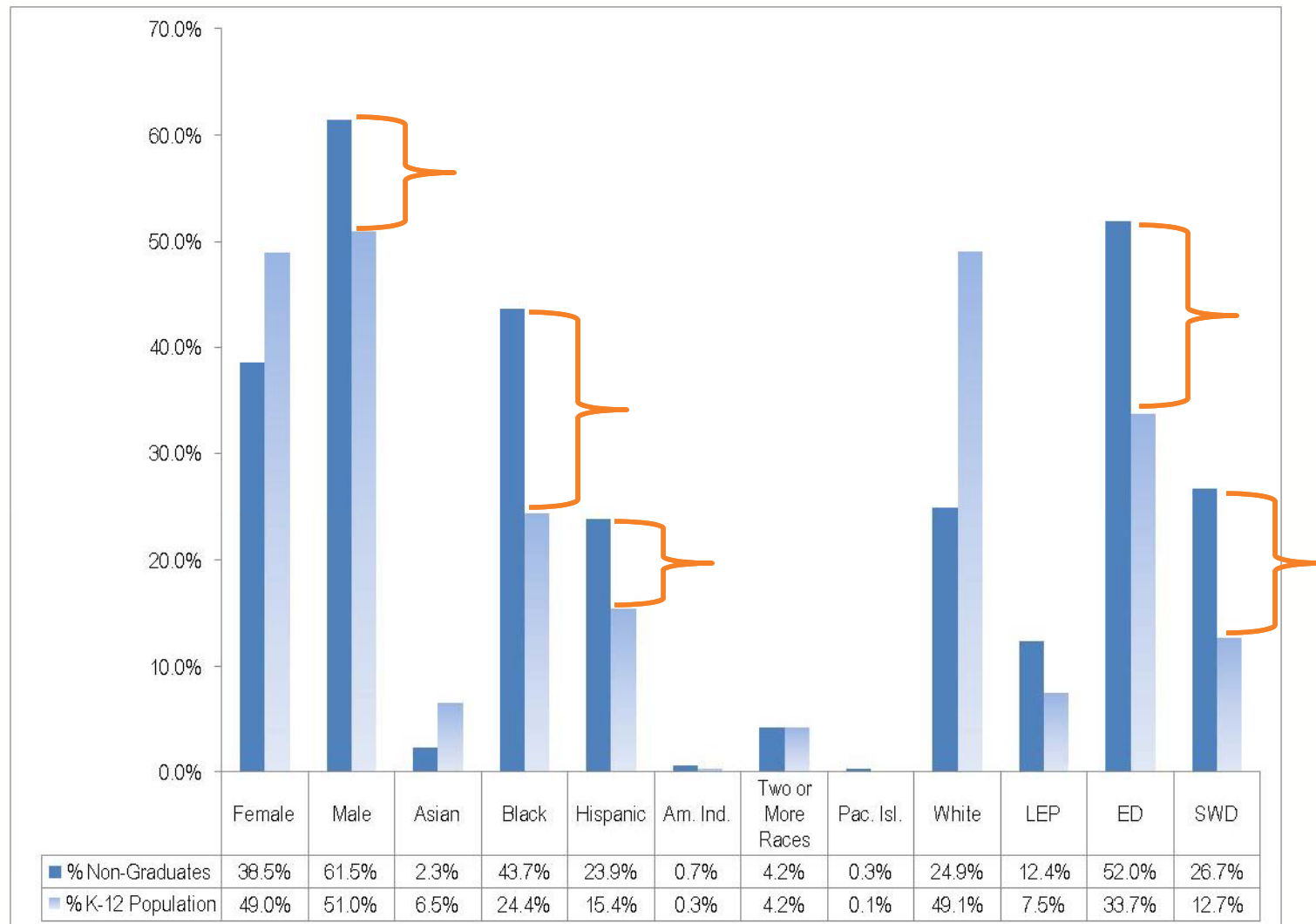
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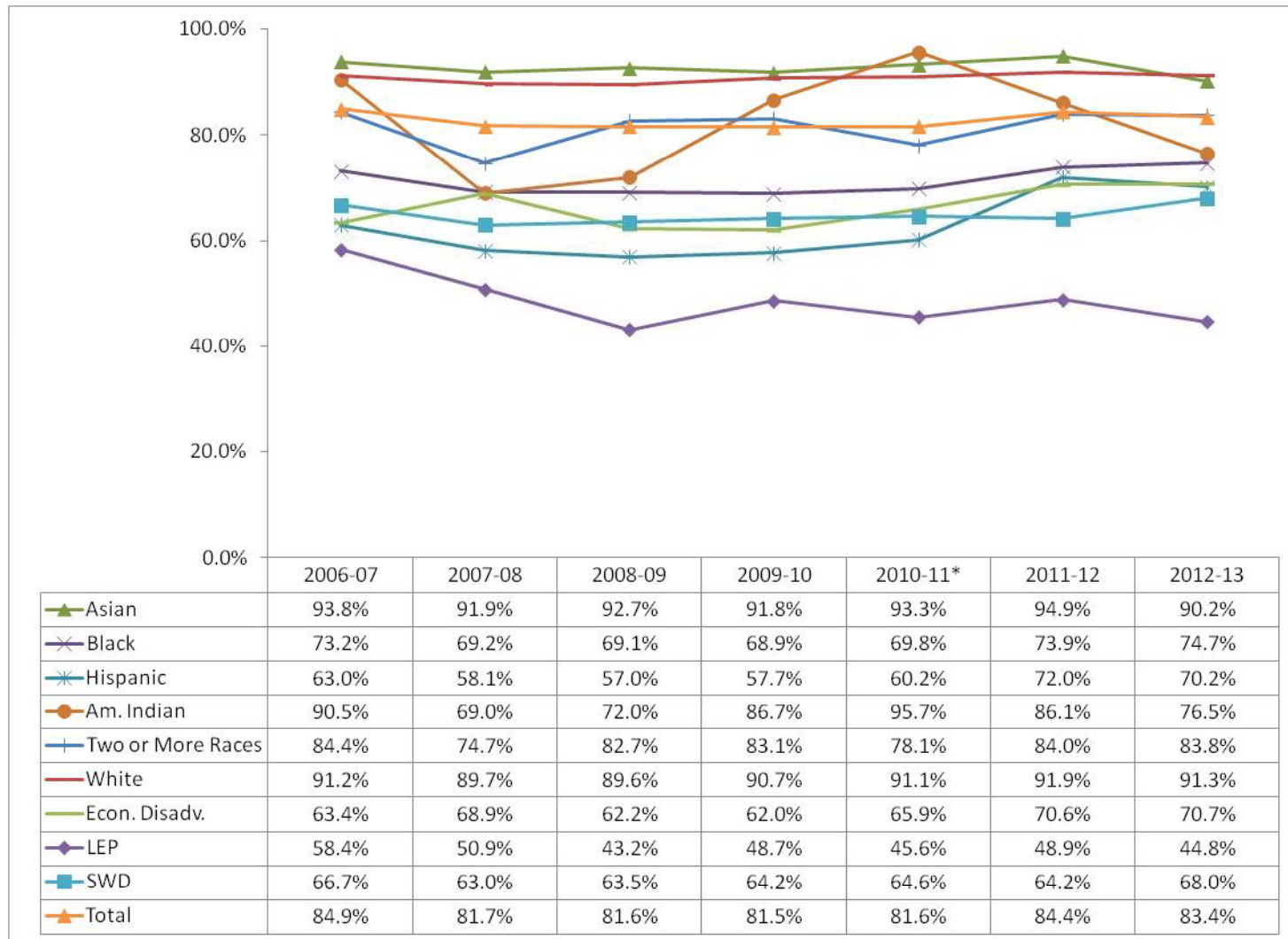
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# Over-Represented Subgroups



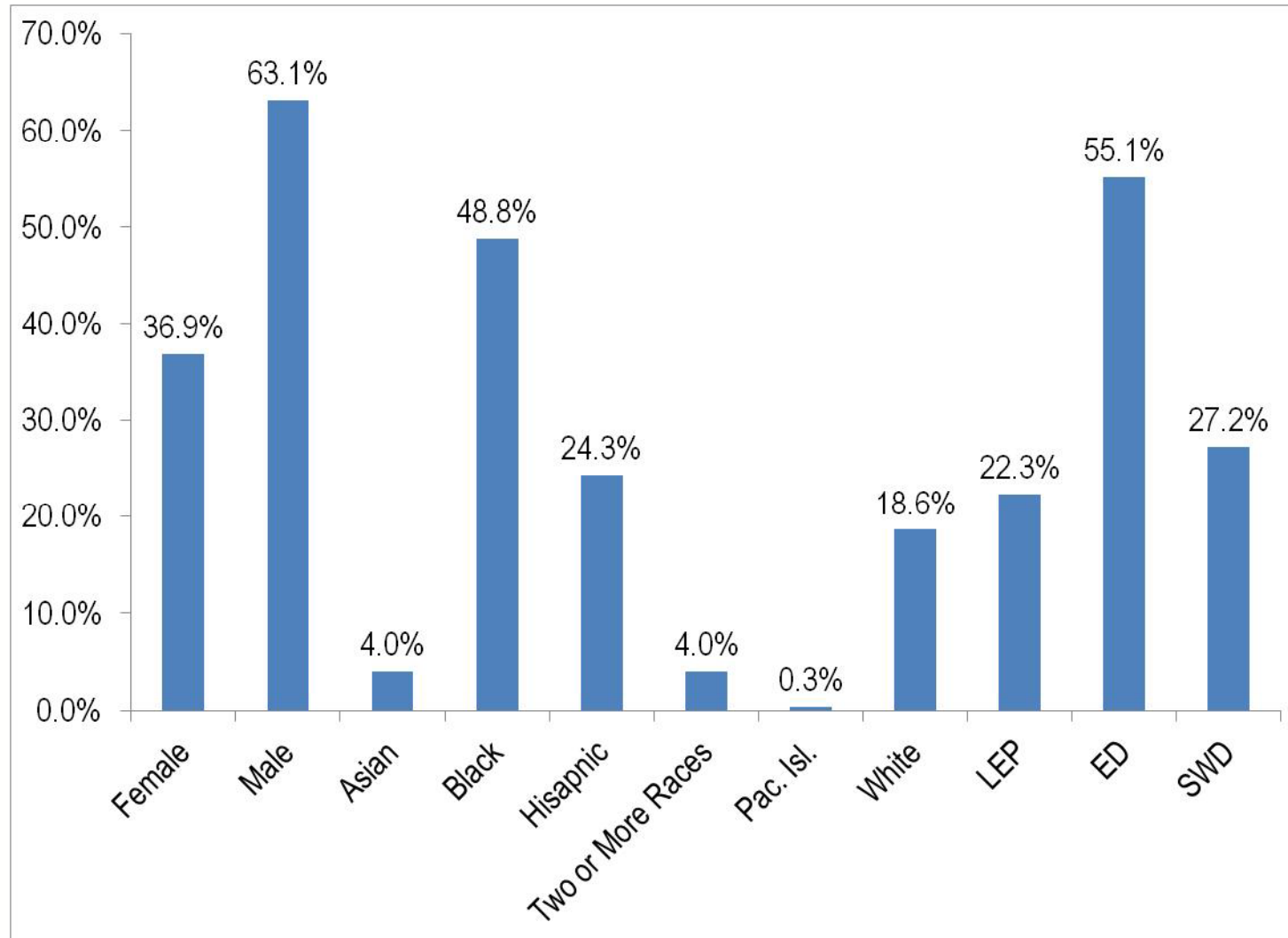
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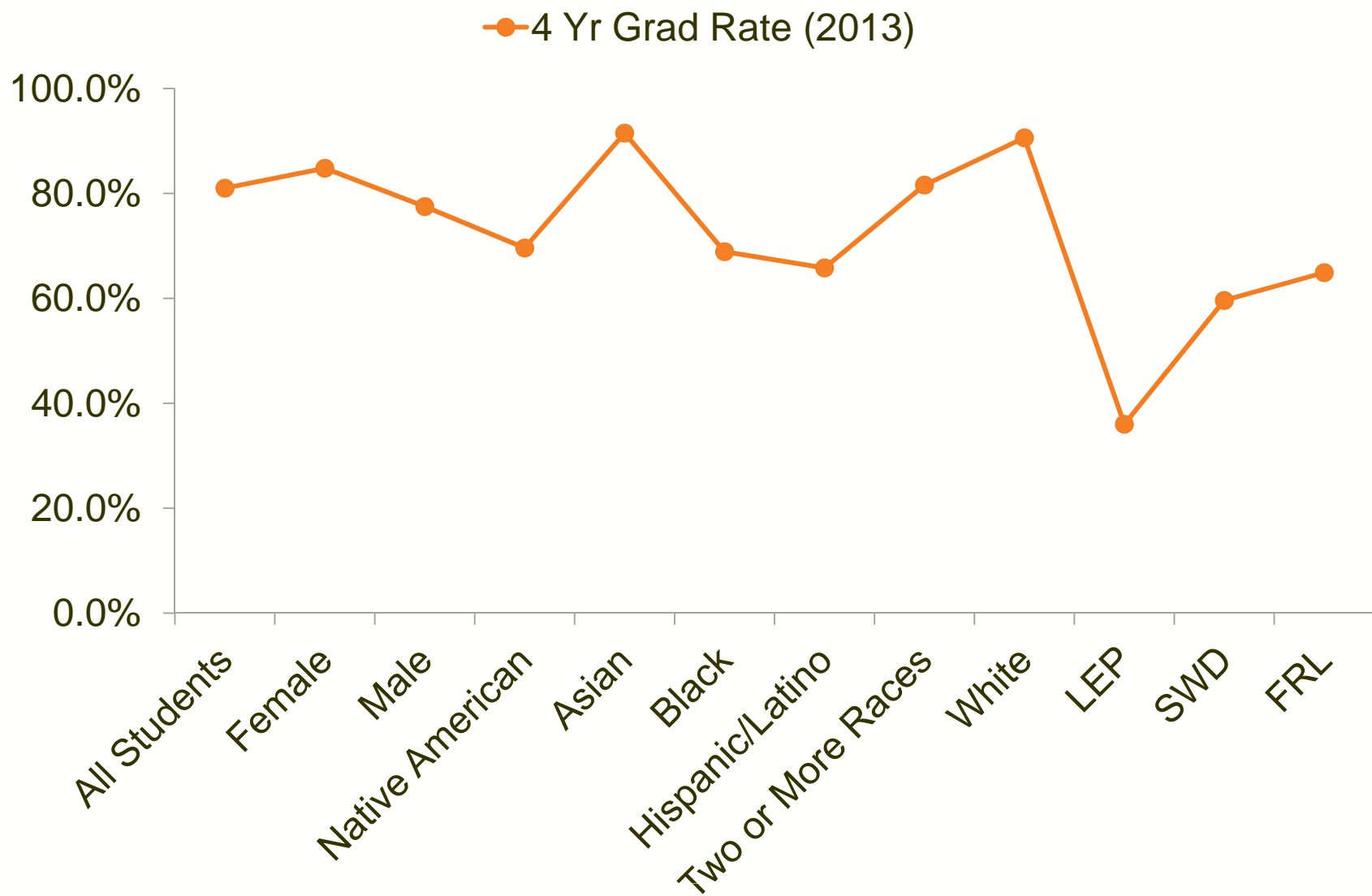


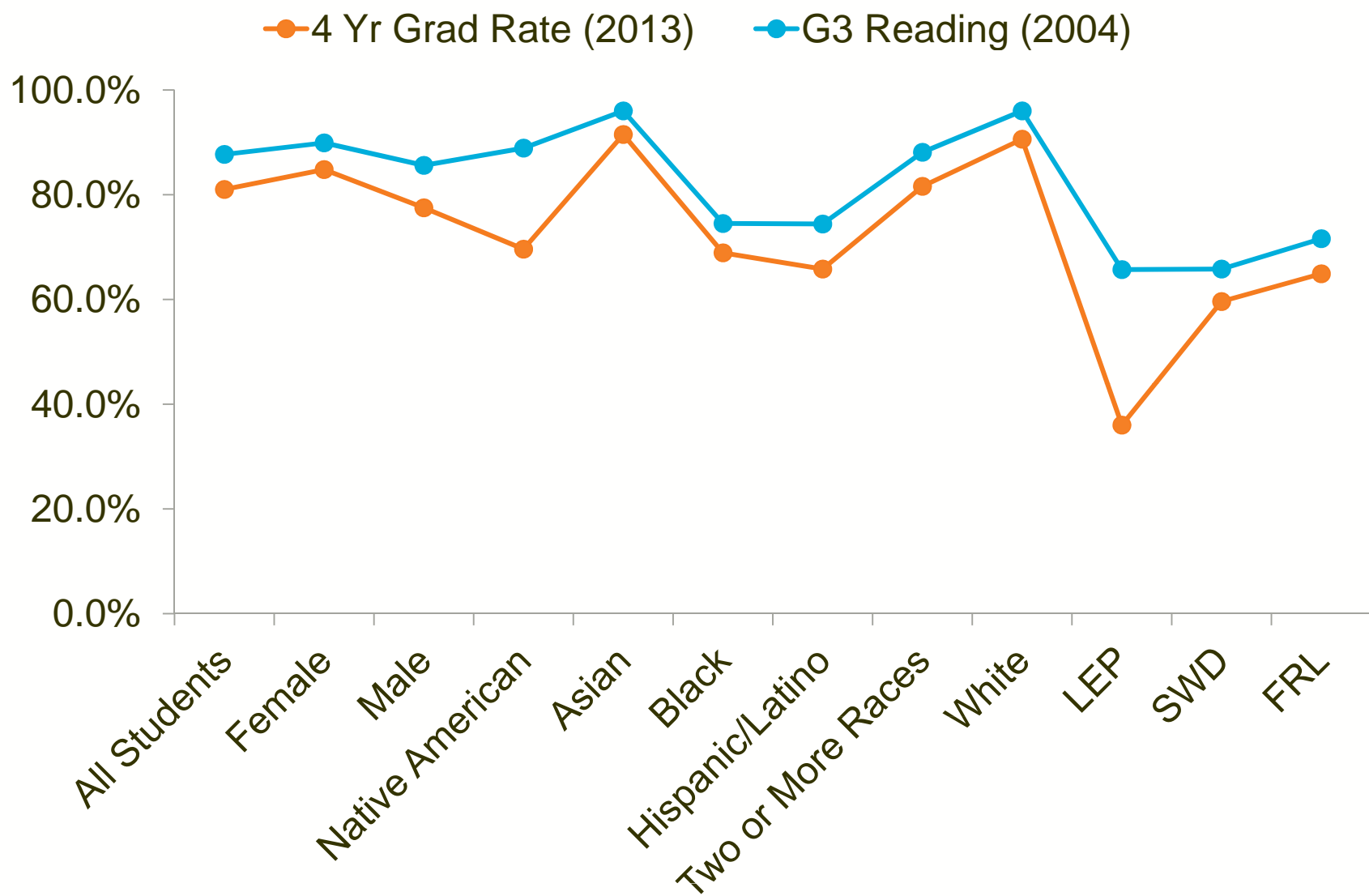
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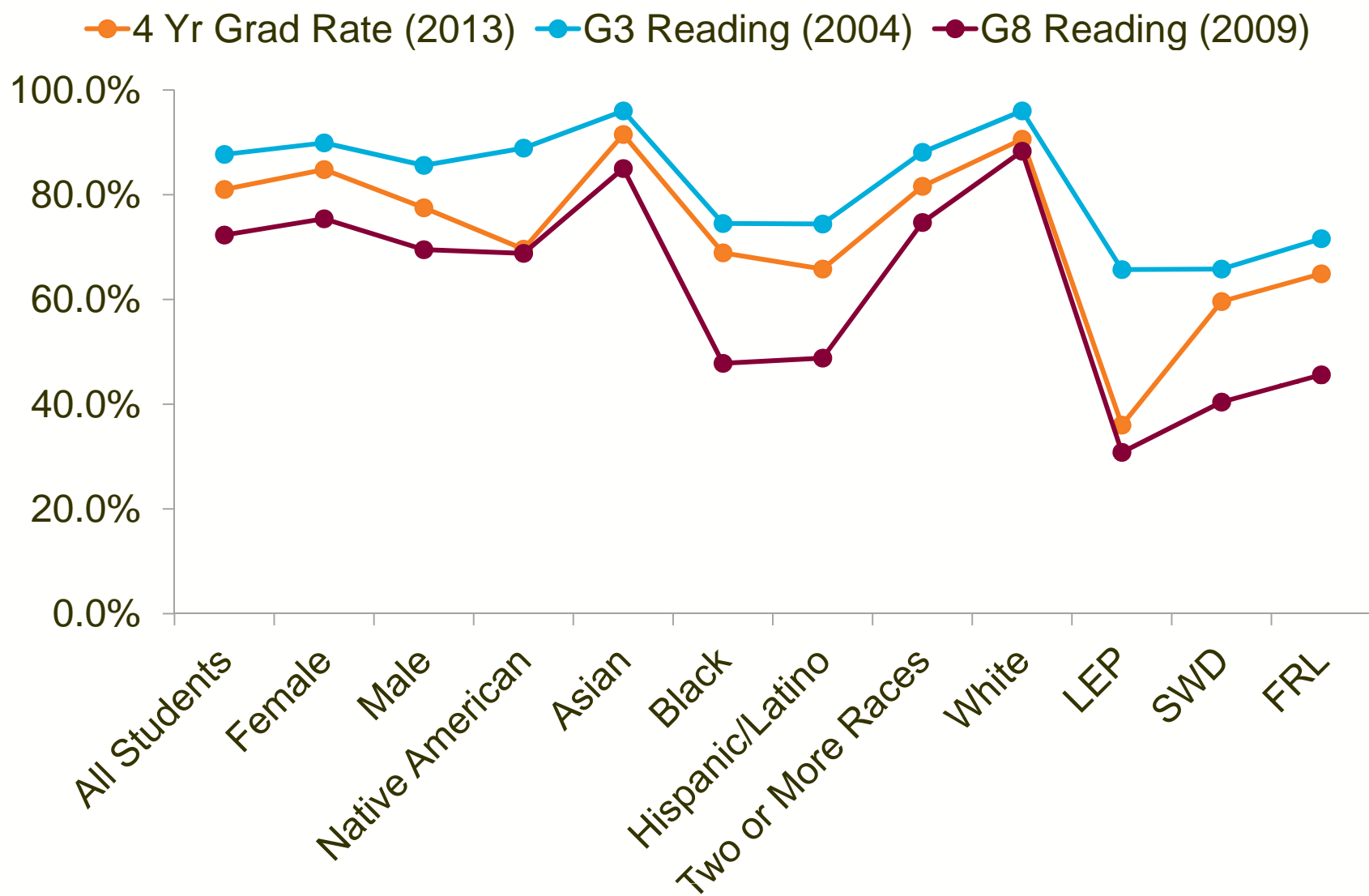
# Who Are the 5-Year Graduates?

(n=310 in 2012-13)

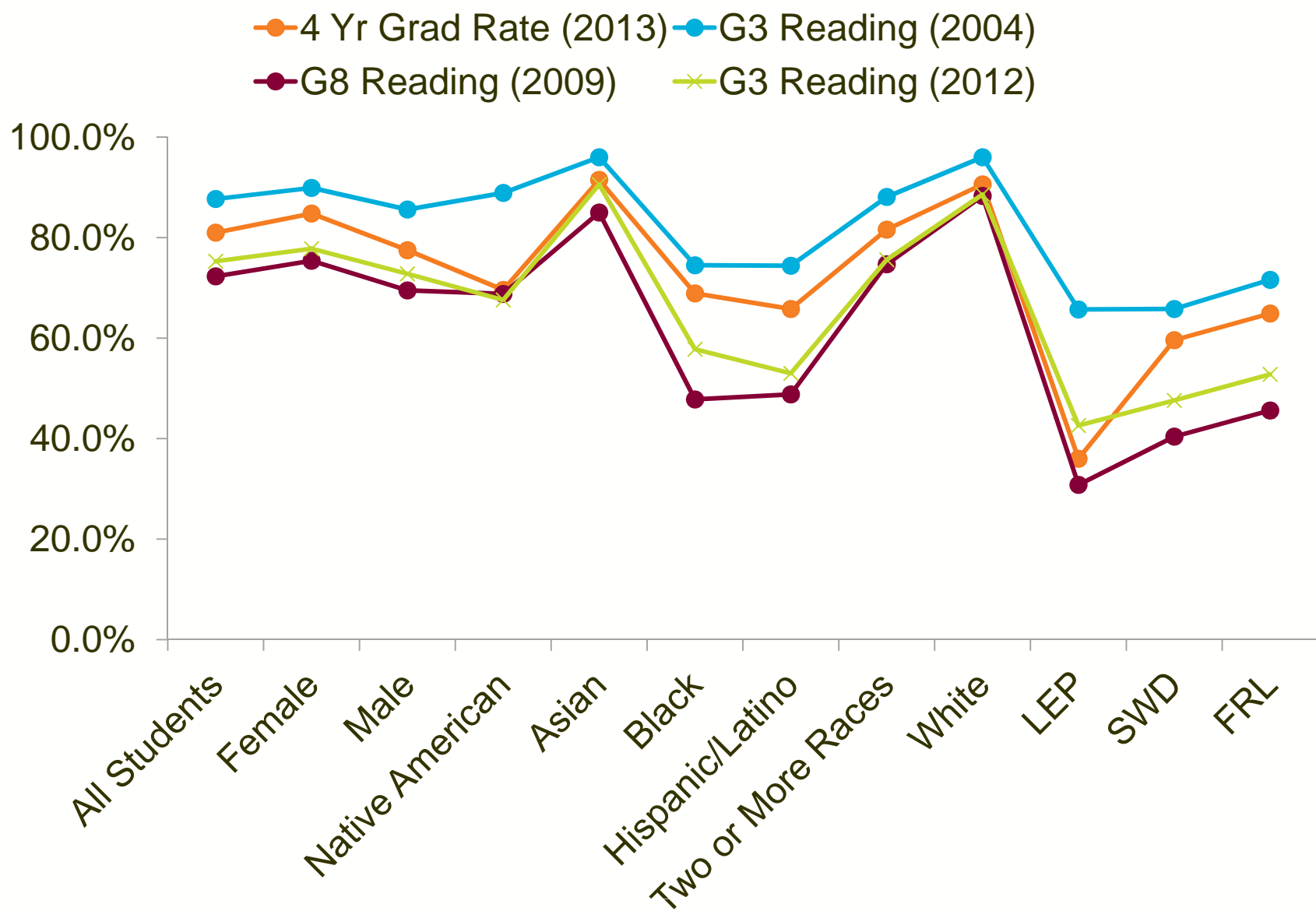












# Summary

- 4-year rate has hovered around 80% since 2006; 5-year rate usually 2-4% higher
- Subgroup gaps are similar in size and nature to those on achievement tests
  - 2013 Grad Rate gaps  $\approx$  Grade 3 Reading gaps nine years earlier...
- School-by-school rates have ranged from around 70% to the upper 90s
  - Average range  $\approx$  22%



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# WCPSS Dropout Prevention Resources

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WCPSS Dropout Prevention - Dropouts: One is Too Many	(PDF - 2.5MB)
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<http://www2.wcpss.net/departments/cass/dropout/downloads/dp-book.pdf>